

NEBRASKA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM



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Notification was given today that 39 positions will be eliminated from the Hastings Regional Center. The affected employees were informed that the effective layoff date will be October 26. In accord with the Labor Contract, employees are being given opportunities to express interest in vacant Health and Human Service positions and/or bumping less senior employees in the same class.

Employees have been given information about retirement benefits, the Employee Assistance Program, the State Reemployment Program and employment opportunities in other HHS field facilities and with other employers in the Hastings area. HHSS is currently working with the Department of Labor Rapid Response Team for additional information to share with employees about applying for jobs, unemployment compensation and workforce development.

As provided in LB 1083, program changes at HRC include a reduction in the number of licensed psychiatric hospital beds from 126 to 30. Fourteen of the 30 beds are occupied by sexual offenders and will be left as is at this time. Licensure for these beds is being left in place for the remaining 16 Psychiatric Hospital beds to create a safety net, if the need emerges for additional state-operated acute beds in central Nebraska